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supposed to be in LB 497 have actually substantially been changed compared to the original bill. Therefore, to justify by saying that only three people actually testified against the bill doesn't, I don't believe, accurately reflect the opinion of the people throughout the state. I do not support the concept as it is written and certainly don't support the language that was changed after the hearing. The language in the amendment also states that all the custodial interrogation shall be recorded. While the majority of these might take place in a police station where equipment probably already exists, it is feasible that an interrogation could take place outside of the station, which means every police car and police officer would need to be equipped with recording devices. And who will pay for these devices? Again, I believe it would be an unfunded mandate, passing down again this extra cost to our local enforcement. Also, I did have a...a message from my local sheriff this morning stating that if this bill would pass we would spend a lot more hours in court hearings and in depositions. So, again, I will be voting against the amendment and encourage you to do the same. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Bromm, followed by Senator Bourne and Senator Chambers. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I think Senator Stuhr summed up a lot of...of what my position would be as well. I want to say that I've had bills like this and I empathize a little bit. I think Senator Bourne brought a viable idea to the committee and the committee heard it and decided to advance it as part of this package. However, I think once the idea has been reflected upon to a greater degree by a larger group of people and it's come on the radar screen more closely of many of those involved in, frankly, in law enforcement, that it appears to me that it goes a little too far. I think there are good things in this bill. I think...I think this bill has a lot in it without this particular section. I think it would be wise if we would decide to not adopt this section. I have tried to do some research since this became apparent yesterday that we were going to seriously consider adopting this particular idea, and I have to confess that time has been a problem in completing that research, but thus far neither my staff nor the Research Office